

App. No. 09/895,471
Amendment Dated: October 19, 2006
Reply to Office Action of July 25, 2006

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Claims 19, 22-23 and 33-35 remain in this application for further review. The preamble of independent claim 35 has been amended to recite a computer-implemented method. New dependent claims 36-49 are added by this amendment. No new matter has been added. Applicants believe that all the claims in the application are in condition for allowance.

I. Allowable Subject Matter

The Office Action indicates that claims 19 and 33 are allowed. The Office Action also indicates that claim 23 would be allowable if rewritten to include all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. In light of the Terminal Disclaimer attached hereto, applicants assert that claim 23 should also be allowed.

II. Obviousness-Type Double Patenting

Claims 22, 34, and 35 are rejected under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 20-21 of U.S. Patent Application No. 09/895,450. Applicants submit herewith a timely filed Terminal Disclaimer. Accordingly, applicants believe that claims 22, 34 and 35 are in condition for allowance.

III. New Claims 36-49

Claims 36-49 are dependent claims which depend from independent claims 33-35, respectively. No new matter has been added. Applicants assert that the new claims are also in condition for allowance.

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IV. Request for Allowance

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, all pending claims are believed to be allowable and the application is in condition for allowance. Therefore, a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any further issues regarding this application, the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney for the applicants at the telephone number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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